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SUBJECT: PAN CENTER IN NEW YORK

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE OVERSEEING FOREIGN SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN ITALY HAS GIVEN US GENERAL RUNDOWN ON RANGE OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES CENTER IN ROME. ACCORDING SOURCE, ROME PAN CENTER ACTIVITIES ARE LIMITED CHIEFLY TO STUDENT EXCHANGES, CONFERENCES WITH VISITING POLISH SCIENTISTS AND CULTURAL FIGURES, FILM SHOWINGS AND CONTACTS WITH ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES AND CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS.

2. FONOFF OFFICIAL NOTED THAT PAN IS LARGELY ORIENTED TOWARD CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. EXCHANGE STUDENTS, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE ENROLLED MAINLY IN FACULTIES OF HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART. FILM PROJECTIONS ARE PRIMARILY PROPAGANDA EXERCISES DEPICTING GLAMORIZED VERSION OF LIFE IN POLAND UNDER SOCIALISM.

3. SOURCE SPECIFICALLY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF PAN CENTER

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ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES TOUCHING ON NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS.

HE ACKNOWLEDGED POSSIBILITY THAT PAN OFFICIALS COULD MAKE VISITS TO SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT HIS BEING INFORMED BUT FELT CONFIDENT THAT ANY EFFORTS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH SENSITIVE SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS WOULD COME TO HIS ATTENTION.

4. ONLY OTHER EE COUNTRIES WHICH MAINTAIN ANALAGOUS CENTERS IN ITALY ARE HUNGARY AND ROMANIA, BOTH OF WHICH ANTEDATE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNIST REGIMES IN BUDAPEST AND BUCHAREST. EXPERIENCE WITH THESE CENTERS CLOSELY PARALLELS THAT OF POLISH CENTER. VOLPE

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